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# Letter dated 14 February 2017 from the Permanent Representative of Burundi to the United Nations addressed to the President of the Security Council

Upon instructions from my Government, I have the honour to inform you that, in the context of the strengthening of peace, security, stability and national reconciliation in Burundi, the Government of the Republic of Burundi decided, on Monday, 23 January 2017, to implement the presidential pardon in favour of 2,500 prisoners in the various prisons of the country, including those who were detained following the insurrectional movements of 8 March 2014 and 2015. To date, 1,900 of these prisoners have been released, and the remaining 600 prisoners will be released in the next few days.

I would like to take this opportunity once again to celebrate the excellent cooperation between the United Nations and the Republic of Burundi, as well as the multifaceted and multidimensional support that the Organization is continuously providing to the people of Burundi either directly or through its programmes and agencies on the ground.

The Republic of Burundi remains committed to cementing and sustaining the fruitful cooperation with the United Nations that has existed so happily since its independence on 1 July 1962.

I would be grateful if you could share the present letter with the members of the Security Council as a document of the Council.

(*Signed*) Albert **Shingiro**
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